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SUBJECT: " CONGRATULATORY" MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AMIN TO
PRESIDENT NIXON ON OCCASION OF JULY 4 ANNIVERSARY

AT 5:15 P. M. JULY 3 EMBASSY RECEIVED THROUGH LOCAL MAIL NOTE
FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY REFERRING TO 197 TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPEND-
ENCE OF U. S. AND " ENCLOSING FOR THE EMBASSY' S INFORMATION A COPY
OF A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE" FROM GENERAL AMIN " TO HIS COUNTER-
PART." MESSAGE HAS NOT YET BEEN BROADCAST HERE. FULL TEXT
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 197 TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I CONVEY TO YOU, YOUR
GOVERNMENT AND ALL YOUR PEOPLE GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES ON
BEHALF OF MYSELF, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF UGANDA.
WE IN UGANDA GREATLY VALUE AND CHERISH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND
SOVEREIGNTY. FOR THIS REASON WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES
WITH ALL THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL EFFORTS THAT AMERICA HAS
ATTAINED IN THE DEFENCE OF HER OWN NATIONAL IDENTITY AND ALSO
FOR THE ASSISTANCE SHE HAS EXTENDED TO THOSE COUNTRIES THAT
WERE STRUGGLING AGAINST EUROPEAN COLONIALISM ESPECIALLY DURING
THE LAST TWO DECADES.

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HOWEVER, AMERICAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC MIGHT IN THE WORLD
NOW HAS NOT ONLY ENABLED HER TO REACH THE MOON WITH EASE BUT HAS
MADE HER PRONE TO INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER
COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. WE IN UGANDA HOPE THAT THE GREAT UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA DOES NOT CONTINUE TO USE ITS ENORMOUS RESOURCES
ESPECIALLY THE MILITARY MIGHT TO DESTROY HUMAN LIFE ON EARTH
PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. WE SHOULD ALL BE DEDICATED
TO FIGHT DISEASE, IGNORANCE AND HUNGER WHEREVER THEY EXIST IN THE
WORLD SO AS TO BRING ABOUT THE REQUIRED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND
JUSTICE AMONG HUMANITY. WHILE WISHING YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM
THE WATERGATE AFFAIR, MAY I, EXCELLENCY, ASSURE YOU OF MY HIGHEST
REGARD AND ESTEEM.

S/ GENERAL IDI AMIN DADA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

END TEXT.
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